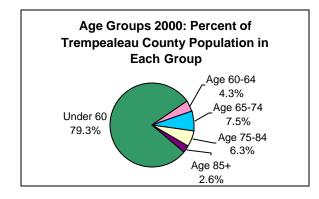
Trempealeau County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Trempealeau County is higher than that of the state as a whole (16.4% versus 13.1%). The size of the older population has decreased 4.1% since 1990, in contrast to 7.9% growth in the state as a whole. In all, 4,435 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 714 of these are age 85 or older. Trempealeau County's average (or median) age is 38.3 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

| Trempealeau County: Population and Change Since 1990 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| | 2000 Census | | 1990 Census | | Change: 1990-2000 | |
| | Number | % of Total | Number | % of Total | Number | % Change |
| Total, All Ages | 27,010 | | 25,263 | | 1,747 | 6.9% |
| Persons 60 and over | 5,586 | 20.7% | 5,789 | 22.9% | -203 | -3.5% |
| Persons 65 and over | 4,435 | 16.4% | 4,624 | 18.3% | -189 | -4.1% |
| Persons 85 and over | 714 | 2.6% | 616 | 2.4% | 98 | 15.9% |



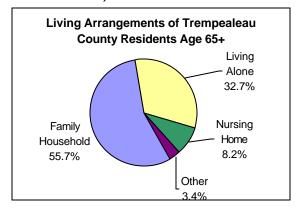
Race:

A large majority (99.7%) of Trempealeau County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Trempealeau County African Americans have a median age of 27.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.9 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.5 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 10,747 households in Trempealeau County, 3,002 include at least one person age 65 or older (27.9% of all households). A total of 2,843 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 72.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (55.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 32.7% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.6% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 365 people age 65 and older live in Trempealeau County nursing homes (8.2% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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